

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, August 14, 2017
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Board Members in attendance: MaryEllen Thibodeau, James Greene, Daniel Firestone, Ken Livingston, Laurie Silverman, Jill Morawski, Sandy Fry, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin.

There were approximately 12 people in attendance. A quorum of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission was present.

Meeting Called in Attendance 7:05 PM EST Room 400 @ West Hartford Town Hall.

1. MaryEllen Thibodeau reported on pedestrian initiatives, North Main Street road diet meeting penciled in for September 2017. MaryEllen reported on the more extensive use of bike racks in town.
2. Jill Morawski updated on legislative action committee. No town meetings have been attended by the committee from July 10th to August 14, 2017
3. Update on local recreation bike routes. Proposal to enhance bike signage and sharrows in town, and make selected routes highly used.
4. Scott Franklin and Ethan Frankel gave a report on meeting with new Town Manager. Invited us to tour the facility in Mansfield, CT where the new West Hartford Town planner used to work.
5. Daniel Johnson improvements to the logo have not been made
6. New Business:
 - A note to the Town written by Ben Arky was read by Scott Franklin Recap: Bike infrastructure in West Hartford , 15 years old, brought about issue of lack of bicycle infrastructure. "Almost all the time my means of transportation is a bicycle." He also cited works conducted by the West Hartford Bicycle Committee. Discussed the distressed roads in West Hartford, and the loss of a recent friend. The emissions and green benefits of bike communities. He asked to join the commission. Mayor's response also read.
 - Update on Wheels on Wednesdays have been successful, next ride August 16th. Ride starts 6:00PM Town Hall Parking Lot.
 - Discover Torrington Bike Tour September 23rd, 2017
 - Jill Morawski recommended promotion of local recreation bike routes be color coded and named. It was suggested the town budget for connectivity grants would be a possible source to fund the updates. Initiate a name the bike route contest, and select gifts to give to participants. Web campaign and print possibilities. Ken Livingston to investigate ways to take name recommendations.
 - Update by Sandy Fry and Jim Green on development opportunities for bike share programs.

Bike West Hartford Inc Matters

1. Ethan Frankel and Tracy Frankel reported that the Center Streets Event is schedule for August 27th 9am - 1pm

2. Wheels on Wednesdays was reported by Scott Franklin and MaryEllen Thibodeau
3. Ethan Frankel reported on Bike West Hartford initiatives
4. Dan Firestone provided updates on new pilots trained and rides given. Cycling Without Age will be at Elizabeth Park giving rides
5. New Business for Bike West Hartford
 - Scott Franklin updated on the application for the bicycle friendly community designation, to which West Hartford currently holds bronze.

Meeting Ended 8:30 PM EST Room 400 @ West Hartford Town Hall.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Next Meeting September 11th, 2017 in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Johnson, Board Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission